

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to an electronic settlement method by which the process for transactions is devised in such a manner that receivers can effect a settlement feeling at rest, thereby realizing activation of e-commerce. According to the method, a receiver obtains an electronic information body owned by a supplier and then transmits an electronic information body to a settlement service provider to request the settlement service provider to attach valuable data to the electronic information body, the settlement service provider attaches the valuable data to the electronic information body at the request of the receiver, the electronic information composed of the electronic information body and valuable data is returned to the supplier, and the proprietary right of the valuable data is transferred to a candidate for the receipt of the valuable data by the settlement service provider only when the candidate has been authenticated as a payee oneself.